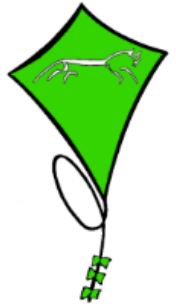


# COWPAT HILL



Journal of the White Horse Kite Flyers  
Winter 2022 January - March

*Hope you all had a good Christmas and are sobering up from your new year celebrations.*

*This time last year we were hopeful that there was some kite at the end of the tunnel. Certainly there were a few more events but not as many as we would like to see. Now sadly there looks to be a new tunnel approaching with the advent of the Omicron variant. Let us hope the government and scientists can get ahead of this one. In the mean time before attending any of the events listed in this issue please contact the organisers to make sure that there are no last minute changes. At a recent committee meeting we have decided to go ahead with the Fun Fly in 2022 on 24&25<sup>th</sup> September at the usual venue, provided that it is available. Watch this space. Make sure you check the article about the indoor fly so that you don't miss that. If you want a change from the complex kites we normally fly, give the Ronsrodel a try. It might surprise you.*

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# Diary Dates

## January 2022

9<sup>th</sup> *Barbury Castle club fly-in*

30<sup>th</sup> *Indoor Fly*

## February 2022

13<sup>th</sup> *Barbury Castle club fly-in*

## March 2022

13<sup>th</sup> *Barbury Castle club fly-in*

## April 2022

10<sup>th</sup> *Barbury Castle club fly-in (next issue of Cowpat Hill)*

23/24<sup>th</sup> *Jolly Up 30*

## May 2022

30<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> *Broad Haven*

2<sup>nd</sup> *Hilton Court Gardens*

8<sup>th</sup> *Barbury Castle club fly-in*

21/22<sup>nd</sup> *Bridlington*

### PERSONAL INSURANCE

Price for 2021-2022 is £13 per person. Please send a cheque made out to White Horse Kite Flyers or by BACS to the Club account and advise us that you have done so. Please note that the **LAST** date for this is 28<sup>th</sup> February. Nothing later than this can be accepted. If you require bank details please PM us on Facebook.

Dead line for next issue 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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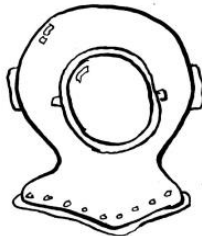
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THING BLOWS  
OVER



PARANOID



VERY PARANOID



FORGETFUL

# **WHKF AGM 21/11/21 12.30PM**

## **Welcome**

The President thanked everyone for their attendance. It's great to see everyone after such a tumultuous time.

## **Apologies and Attendance**

21 apologies were received.

22 people were in attendance.

## **Minutes of 2019 AGM**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Proposed by Arthur Dibble

Seconded by Charlie Peace

Unanimous

## **Matters Arising from Minutes**

No matters arising

## **Chairman's Report**

First let me say welcome to you and express my thanks for your attendance, these are still difficult times for those organizing events deciding should things go ahead or not. Your co-operation with lateral flow testing is much appreciated and ensures that we all can hope to remain safe and well.

Two years have passed since we were together for a face-to-face AGM and the world has changed significantly, not only in our world of kite flying but across the globe and Covid continues to be a concern and impacts on all of us.

The return of the Fun Fly marked a significant milestone in the History of the WHKF, it would be remiss of me if I did not take this opportunity to thank all those involved in its organization, who worked tirelessly in the weeks and days leading up to the event as well as over the weekend itself. The Fun fly was designated as a memorial weekend in remembrance of Doug Jones. A stalwart of the club who sadly passed during our closed period. Unfortunately, Doug was not the only member who passed during this period, others include Marilyn Martin and Doug Manners both long term supporters of the club. Our thoughts are with their families.

The club itself continues to hold monthly fly-ins at Barbury Castle, the condition of fields notwithstanding, although this is now hopefully being addressed. (a flock of four- legged lawn mowers have moved in) This is our only regular public facing event and I would ask all members to support it whenever possible.

The support evidenced by attendance at the Fun Fly leads me to believe that the club still has a bright future, some of us have had the opportunity to visit Schools and Scout groups to introduce youngsters to the joys of kite building and flying, this is where our future members can be found.

The club needs to grow to survive, and this can only come about if we, as members, are pro-active and innovative in recruiting new members and engaging with the public. The future of the club is in your hands.

### **Hon. Secretary's Report**

Not a lot extra to say really. I have written to the local council, regarding the state of the Barbury field and they have written back with a promise of intervention.

Sheep had appeared on the last visit there so things will improve over time.

Members are welcome to see the letter if they wish.

Q Did they mention the state of the toilets?

A No, but we can write to them regarding this. There is a schedule to clean them monthly but staff shortages are an issue.

### **Finance Officers Report**

This item has 2 supplementary papers.

Financial statements were agreed as a true record.

Proposed Paul Chapman

Seconded Sandra Scott

Unanimous

### **Cowpat Editors Report**

Not much has been happening in kiting circles for the last 18 months so there has been very little to write about for the magazine. I have done my best to produce our quarterly issues and I am grateful to those who have sent in articles especially the regular contributors. I know how difficult it is to say something new about not kite flying and even with the help of internet searches I am struggling to fill pages. The January issue will have details of this meeting but so far very little else. So unless I get more input from members it is likely that this could be the last magazine with possibly reverting to the original format of an occasional "News Sheet".

Perhaps I'm just getting stale so if you feel you could take over as editor please step forward during the elections. Printing is the easy bit and with Janet doing the circulation so efficiently I am not proposing to go to electronic only format. As to the associated roll of "Web Master", "Communications Officer" or whatever you like to call it, I seem to have made a rod for my own back by producing our web site in HTML rather than keeping up with the times and

using one of the wizzy new software packages so I'm probably lumbered with keeping this task unless someone feels like updating the site. My son Martin currently still hosts our pages for free but this may soon change as he has moved to France and is changing jobs so will not be able to keep his server in its existing location. I will post details of any possible disruption to the service. Whatever happens we can always be contacted via our Facebook links. Thanks for all your support over the past years.

### **Donations**

We discussed this at the committee meeting this morning as there is £529.00, from the Fun Fly auction, plus the proceeds of today's raffle, to donate to a given charity/charities.

It was suggested that there would be 4 equal recipients, as follows:

SANDS Southampton

Dorothy House Hospice

Haematology DTU (Doug Manners family's donation request)

Young Carers

Proposed by Alan Outram

Seconded by Alan Holden

Unanimous

### **Election of Officers**

David Thompson stood down at this point and handed over to the President.

CHAIR David Thompson

Nominated by Neil Harvey

Seconded by Helen Peace

Unanimous

TREASURER Janet has stood down therefore there is a vacancy. Kevin Griffiths has stood for the position.

Nominated by Helen Peace

Seconded by Alan Outram

Unanimous

Bob Cruickshanks proposed a vote of thanks to Janet for all her years dedicated service to the Treasurer role.

SECRETARY David Robinson

Nominated by Paul Chapman

Seconded by Dave Cross

Unanimous

## NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE GENERALLY

Martin Croxton has stood down.

Standing for re-election are:

Martin Crowther

Dave Cross

Janet Robinson

Helen Peace

Nominated by Alan Outram

Seconded by Keith Boxall

Unanimous

### **Membership Fees**

Free membership, for existing members, continues to November 2022.

New membership fees are frozen at £16.00, plus £5.00 for a second family member at the same address.

### **Personal Insurance**

Personal Insurance is set this year at £13.00 per person.

For clarification, if you are flying at an event, which is not designated a club event, you are not covered by the club insurance, you would only be covered by personal insurance.

Q Where can we get the personal insurance confirmation document

A Website

Q When can we pay for the personal insurance

A After the December committee meeting we will send requests out.

### **Dates**

We will have a fun fly in 2022                      Date to be confirmed

Barbury will continue monthly.

AOB from committee pre-meeting

### **INDOOR FLY**

This was organised by Karl, as an individual booking. The club cannot afford to put this on as it was free to attendees.

AOB

At the fun fly, we were presented with 4 boxes of photographs of Doug Jones travels etc. This box will be here this afternoon, for perusal.

The meeting closed at 13.07pm.

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Balance b/f	1162	1292
Additions	0	0
Sales	0	0
Depreciation	<u>116</u>	<u>130</u>
	1046	1162
<b>Net Value of Fixed Assets</b>	1046	1162
 <b>Other Assets</b>		
Stock	956	1075
Bank	6813	7709
Cash	26	258
Prepayments	<u>70</u>	<u>0</u>
	7865	9042
 <b>Liabilities</b>		
Loans (from Initial Members)	0	240
Accruals	<u>529</u>	<u>0</u>
	529	240
 <b>Net Value of Assets</b>	<b>9440</b>	<b>10444</b>
<b>Represented By</b>		
Retained Funds brought forward	10444	11600
Surplus/Deficit	-1004	-1156
	<b>9440</b>	<b>10444</b>



## Sky Chat

I thought things were beginning to look up a bit on the Covid front but we still must be careful for some time yet! I hope that all of you manage to keep it all at a safe distance and very much in the back ground. With that done may I wish you “A Very Prosperous and Happy New Year”. Let us hope that 2022 can be more fruitful for the Club than the last two years.

Now for something completely different, I was asked to go through the late Doug Jones’s vast Photo Collection that were left to The Club. I knew there was going to be a fair number of photos to go through but not the range of them. Doug was in the Royal Air Force for long enough to come out with a pension and his job in the RAF was in the Photographic Branch in which one year he won “The RAF Photographer of The Year”. No mean feat. His collection that we have covers mainly Kites and Kite Festivals with various scenic views of around the world, My aim is to sort them out into groups and I hope to involve the Committee into selecting some for the Club archives (there is history in some of them) and the rest of them open to Club members to take any of them they would like. The suggestion is at The Fun Fly-in in September to have them there so you all can see the skill and workmanship of Doug’s work. If anybody has any other suggestions or requests please let me know. Then the rest would be disposed of unless someone has any other idea or ideas. When I started on this task I thought it was going to be a bit of a bore but it has taken me on a journey of discovery from around the World. Thank you for asking me to do this job and it brings back happy, happy memories of Doug.

Keep Safe till next time.

Neil.

# Bamboo harvested from Camp Zama to be used to construct traditional giant kites

By Noriko Kudo November 24, 2021



CAMP ZAMA, Japan (Nov. 24, 2021) – A local organization dedicated to preserving the Japanese tradition of kite-making was at Camp Zama Nov. 19 to harvest bamboo with help from the commander of U.S. Army Garrison Japan.

Members of the Sagami Giant Kite Preservation Association, Kassaka District, visit the installation annually to cut and gather bamboo found near the Camp Zama Golf Course’s driving range. The bamboo is dried and later used to construct a giant kite that is flown during a festival held in May.

Toshiaki Yaita, president of the SGKPA, Kassaka District, said the bamboo he and his team harvest from Camp Zama is used to make the giant kite’s framework. They harvested about 280 stalks this year, Yaita said.

Along with bamboo, giant kites are constructed of handmade Japanese paper and are built to a size of about 48 feet tall. Each kite weighs more

than 2,000 pounds and requires a team of 80 to 100 people controlling a 650-foot-long rope to fly it.

“It’s becoming harder and harder annually to find decent bamboo elsewhere, so we are very grateful that the [USAG Japan] commander supports us, and that we are able to use bamboo from local areas like Camp Zama to continue our local traditional festival,” Yaita said.

The next festival, scheduled for May 2022, will be the first time it will be held since 2019, as it was cancelled the previous two years due to COVID-19. Yaita is hopeful the festival will go on as planned.

“It’s very important to prepare for [the festival] as if it will be held for the sake of perpetuating our traditional culture,” Yaita said.

The USAG Japan commander attends the Giant Kite Festival, held at the nearby Sagami River, as a bilateral engagement. The festival in May 2022 is scheduled to be the first for Col. Christopher L. Tomlinson to attend since he took command in August.

This was Tomlinson’s first experience with cutting bamboo, and he said he enjoyed the opportunity to host Sagamihara City officials and members of the SGKPA, Kassaka District, as they prepare for the festival. The best aspect of the annual partnership, Tomlinson said, is that it gives him an opportunity to engage with the city and to share in the culture and traditions of which Camp Zama is a part.

“I think it’s pretty awesome to be able to utilize our facility and installation to be a critical part of what is a tradition for the community,” Tomlinson said. “Any opportunity that we can come to share with our community, it’s a priority.”

Koichi Uchida, the association’s executive director, said he and his team are very grateful to have the support and partnership of the USAG Japan commander for the kite festival each year.

“Camp Zama and our community are right next to each other, so we feel very special and proud to be able to use Camp Zama’s bamboo to make our local traditional kites,” Uchida said. “Sagamihara City’s giant kite festival always starts with the harvesting of bamboo from Camp Zama.”

## Robinson's Ramble

Yet again, not much action in my kite flying, we recently had a Committee meeting and made the decision that all things being in our favour. We will be holding the Fun-fly in September.

The Committee made Martin Croxton a Life time member for his great effort's in driving Doug Jones, to lots of different events around the country, I know that Doug was very appreciative of it. Not only this but Martin's flying of his and the Club's Large kites. Martin has since contacted me to thank the Committee for granting him lifetime membership.

Janet made the decision to relinquish her position of The Club's Treasurer, a position she has held in excess of 30 years, she asked the Committee if she could remain on the committee, a wish that they granted.

Kevin Griffiths has taken over the reigns, the advantages of this is that Kevin has Computer skills, something that Janet didn't have, this will make Helen's job much easier, she will be able to 'Crunch' the figures with ease.

I hope I am not repeating myself, I thought I had written in the last issue about the state of the field at Barbury, it was so overgrown that it was almost impossible to walk through it. I decided to write to the local Authority to complain about it. It took about two months for them to reply. I was quite surprised by their reply. They were aware of how long we had been using Barbury and apologised for the state of the field, they said that they had been unable to get a farmer to put some sheep on to the field and it did say in the letter that they were still trying to find someone! Well surprisingly, last month when we were there a farmer arrived with a trailer full of sheep. I had a chat with him, he said that the sheep would bring down the state of the field, but he said don't hold your breath, it will take a long time before the sheep will clear it. We were up at Barbury recently, and the sheep had been reducing the (jungle) but it looks like we will have to be patient.

In the recent Committee meeting it was decided that we will be holding a Workshop. We haven't decided who too conduct it but we will let you know as soon as we have any details.

David Robinson

## **Sponge cake with fresh fruits**

(As supplied at the AGM by Marzena)

### *Ingredients:*

- 1 ½ cups of fine wheat flour
- ½ cups of oil (e.g., sunflower)
- 4 eggs
- ¾ cup of sugar
- 2 tablespoons of vanilla sugar
- 1 ½ tea spoons of baking powder
- Pinch of salt

### *Additionally:*

- 1 ½ cups of fresh fruits of your choice (e.g., blackberries, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, rhubarb, sliced apple; or any combination of these)

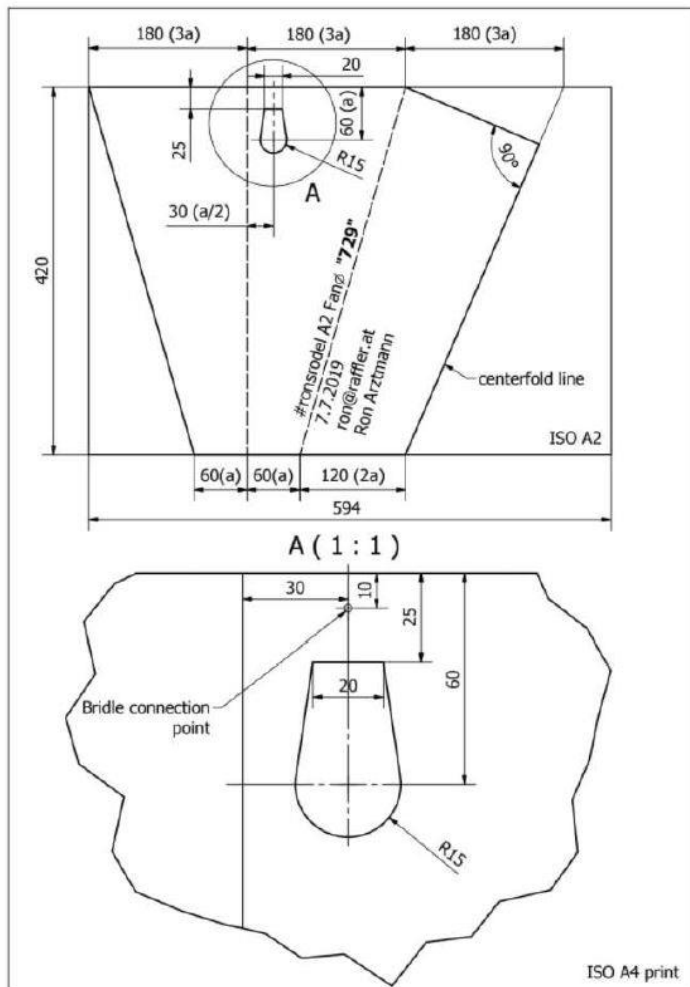
### *A method of preparing:*

- 1 . Preheat your oven at 180 C.
- 2 . Beat white eggs with a pinch of salt. Then add sugar and vanilla sugar, then add yolks and oil and flour (sieved with baking powder). Mix slowly everything together until all ingredients are combined.
- 3 . On a greased baking tray, lined with baking paper, pour the dough on top of it with the rinsed and dried fruits.
- 4 . Bake the dough for about 50-60+ minutes at 180 C degrees (fan oven), until a "BBQ stick come dry ".
- 5 . Before serving, decorate with sieved icing sugar. Could serve warm with ice creams or custard.

:) Enjoy your cake

## Ronsrodel

This amazing little sled kite is by [Ron Arzmann](#). It was designed to be stable in many wind conditions, have no spars or tail, be made from virtually any material and be small enough to be carried in your pocket. It is made from a single piece of material folded across the centre line. The size can be varied by changing the value of (a). On a paper version the join can be made with sticky tape. I made one of ripstop using (a=60mm) and added an allowance for sewn seam. It flies superbly. For full details go to :- <https://bit.ly/3yHnpdP>





## Indoor Kite Fly

Following on from the indoor kite sessions at St Joseph's College, Swindon, previously organised and generously funded by Karl Longbottom, which have been absent for a number of years due to maintenance and some bugs, 2022 will see the return of this popular activity; subject to any viral restrictions.

Unlike the previous sponsored events there will be a nominal charge of £5 per head to cover the cost of hire and tea/coffee refreshments. It will be a three hour session, which should be sufficient time for everyone to get their fix.

There will also be a demonstration by Paul Chapman, and anyone else who has similar, of rubber band powered flight.

The event will be on Sunday **30th Jan 2022**, between 11.00 - 14.00hrs at St Joseph's Catholic College, **SN3 3LR**.

For questions or information contact: Bob Cruikshanks,  
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Pull one 4 me,

Bob C

**PLEASE CHECK WITH BOB BEFORE ATTENDING THIS EVENT.**

## White Horse Kite Flyers Code of Practice

*Always* fly safely

*Always* be considerate to others using the same area be it noise or physical intrusion into their space.

*Always* fly legally taking in to account all National, Local and CAA restrictions.

*Never* fly at a height of more than 60m above ground level, in the UK unless a CAA clearance is in force. (as at festivals) IF YOU DON'T KNOW.....ASK.

*Never* fly a kite in wet or stormy weather. Always try and keep you line dry.

*Never* fly near power lines, transmission towers or aerals.

*Never* fly near airfields.

*Never* fly a kite with anything metallic in the line.

*Always* when tethering a kite ensure that the ground anchor is suitable (see BKFA report 6 June 06).

*Always* use a brake line when flying large kites.

*Always* wear good quality gloves when flying large powerful kites.

*Always* give priority to domestic animals particularly if they are showing signs of distress.

*Always* clear up after yourself, especially lines, tails and bits of plastic that could trap, choke or injure domestic animals.

*Never* fly near kite-eating trees.

*Note the use of traction kiting at Barbury Castle is forbidden by law.*

*Finally remember.....your kites can get really quite lonely up high in the sky; just occasionally, look up and give them a SMILE. It will make you feel better too.*

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